

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1410

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Memphis chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women for twenty-six years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay homage to those sterling organizations, and their individual members, who perform their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence, as exemplary public servants; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these praiseworthy people have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents in order to perpetuate the public good and are credits to their respective professions, their communities and their families; and

WHEREAS, the people behind the Memphis chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) are one such noteworthy group of citizens deserving of special praise and commendation, and who are celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of the laudable organization; and

WHEREAS, organized in 1982 by a group of Memphis women with a vision, the major objective of the NCBW is to empower all women, specifically women of color, so that a positive and enduring change can manifest itself in their lives and the community in which they live; and

WHEREAS, during its illustrious twenty-six year history, the fine people at the NCBW have implemented many worthy programs and initiatives that target education, health, economic empowerment, and community improvement; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 alone, NCBW members will host the fourth Annual Young Ladies of Excellence conference, re-establish the mentoring program, provide a seminar on financial and debt management, continue a partnership with the District Attorney's office on domestic violence, and carry on the campaign for education in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, this admirable group serves their fellow Tennesseans with the greatest acumen, integrity, and dedication throughout all of their endeavors to establish and further the highest precepts of public service; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the NCBW plan to further their efforts to assist deserving women with their economic and educational development by providing scholarships to both traditional and non-traditional candidates who prove themselves to be motivated to develop long term career goals through higher education; in 2006 and 2007, NCBW awarded a combined total of \$22,000 in scholarships and their goal for 2008 is to award \$10,000 in scholarships to more commendable women; and

WHEREAS, these progressive-thinking women are serving their fellow citizens with probity by means of peerless vision, hard work, and dedication to the collective health and welfare of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the staff and members of the Memphis chapter of NCBW should be specially recognized for their impeccable community service and many superb contributions to being a catalyst for positive change and piecing together the enduring fabrics that comprise the grand tapestry of the United States of America; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the people who comprise the Memphis chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women for making a positive impact on the Memphis and Shelby County communities, pay tribute to this sterling organization's twenty-sixth anniversary, and extend our best wishes for success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.